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## PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Release: Wednesday, April 26, 2006 3 p.m.  
Date/Time of Occurrence Wednesday, April 26, 2006 1:30 p.m.  
Nature of Event: Parachutists Rescued from Lake Tahoe  
Location of Call: Lake Tahoe, near Tahoe Vista  
Released by: Sgt. Bill Langton (530) 581-6305

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### **SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:**

Two parachutists had to be rescued from the frigid, 40-degree waters of Lake Tahoe this afternoon.

Around 1:30 p.m., the Placer County Sheriff's Department received numerous 911 calls reporting that two parachutists were about 1,000 feet off shore, near Tahoe Vista. Sheriff's units and North Tahoe Fire personnel responded, as well the Coast Guard and private boats. Someone who rowed out in a rubber raft pulled the first man from the water.

The parachutist was taken to shore to meet paramedics and transported by ambulance to Tahoe Forest Hospital in Truckee for treatment of hypothermia.

A few minutes later, it was determined that a second parachutist had also landed in the water in the same general area. He was apparently picked up by a private vessel and transported to the Kings Beach pier prior to the arrival of emergency personnel. He was uninjured and later reunited with friends in the area.

The conditions at the time of the incident included brisk winds from the southeast, partly cloudy skies, temperatures in the 50's with a water temperature around 40 degrees. Unprotected, a person would not be able to survive for very long under these conditions.